

# Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council



## Planning Committee Meeting to be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 9:30am at Great Chart Playing Fields Pavilion MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Y Barker, P Barker, Gathern, Mercer, 1 member of public. Paula Cowperthwaite (Deputy Clerk)

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Sullivan, Tate.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

#### 2.1. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

None

#### 2.2. **Other Significant Interests**

None

#### 2.3. **Other Interests**

None

### 3. Minutes of the previous meetings

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025 as a true record.

<b>Proposed:</b> Cllr P Barker	<b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Mercer	<b>Vote for:</b> 4
<b>Against:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0	<b>Motion carried</b>

Public Participation: There will be 15 minutes of the meeting to hear public questions and comments.

The latest communication on a reported planning breach was shared with the room.

### 4. Planning applications for Consideration

#### 4.1. [PA/2025/2208](#)

#### **Grass Verge on East Side of Roundabout between Imperial Way, Kirk View and, Singleton Hill, Singleton**

Proposed micro-energy storage facility with acoustic fencing.

The committee resolved to object to the application for the following reasons:

- The report contained in the application does not contain information 'that can be relied on'.
- The noise level will be obvious to those in the area. Possibly including the nearby houses who sit above the level of the storage facility. There is a

substation site in Saffron Waldon where the operating noise level has been significantly reduced so that should be possible for this site also.

- These facilities would be better suited to new build estates where they can be custom built into the design. As this is an established estate, it will negatively affect the street scene.
- The facility will mean a large amount of lithium in one place close to residential properties, with possibly no water supply or battery safety plan.
- Vegetation around the storage should be maintained to reduce fire risk, and to also screen it from vision. A maintenance plan is not mentioned in the application.
- How recessed and/or exposed will the facility be given the contours of the land?

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<b>Against:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0	<b>Motion carried</b>

#### 4.2. Any applications received after publication of agenda

None

### 5. Planning Decisions

**AP-90668**

44 Homestead, TN23 4PX

Prior approval - Larger Homes Extension - Single-storey rear extension with rooflights (depth 3.6m x eaves 2.6m x height 2.9m)

**PC: No Comment**

**ABC: Prior Approval Refused**

**Planning Inspectorate: Dismissed.**

**PA/2025/1713**

25 Haymakers Lane, Singleton, TN23 4GL – Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory

<https://ashfordboroughcouncil.my.site.com/pr/a0hTw000003PQNNIA4>

**PC: Support**

**ABC: Approve**

### 6. Terms of Reference

The committee resolved to change 'if the date' to 'if the timescale' but otherwise accepted the suggested changes for submission to Full Council.

<b>Proposed:</b> Cllr P Barker	<b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Y Barker	<b>Vote for:</b> 4
<b>Against:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0	<b>Motion carried</b>

### 7. Ashford Design Code Consultation

The committee resolved to submit the following sentence to each question on the consultation.

Given Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council's experience of non-compliance with the Chilmington Development Design Code, and the lack of enforcement after various events, unless the design code is mandatory and enforceable, it is an irrelevant document. The parish council would be happy to discuss this further with the relevant parties.

<b>Proposed:</b> Cllr P Barker	<b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Gathern	<b>Vote for:</b> 4
<b>Against:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0	<b>Motion carried</b>

## 8. National Planning Policy Framework Consultation

The committee resolved to submit the following sentence to each of the relevant questions within the consultation.

The NPPF has not been fit for purpose, any changes proposed within this consultation will not make it fit for purpose.

<b>Proposed:</b> Cllr P Barker	<b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Gathern	<b>Vote for:</b> 4
<b>Against:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0	<b>Motion carried</b>

## 9. Date and venue of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 9:30am in the Great Chart Playing Fields pavilion.

The meeting closed at 10:30am.

Signed as a true record by;

Cllr Yolanda Barker: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_